

REMARKS

The Official Action dated June 22, 2006, has been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herein, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to certain informalities in the specification. Appropriate correction is made by present amendment, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to claims 29 and 44, but noted that claim 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all elements of the preceding claims. Claim 29 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and now stands in allowable form. Accordingly, dependent claim 44 also now is allowable. Claim 28 has been canceled. The objection is traversed, and reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 28, 31, 32, 34, 42, 43 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over, Yaacobi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,413,245). Similarly, the Examiner rejected claims 33 and 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yaacobi.

Both rejections are traversed. While the Applicant does not agree that Yaacobi anticipates all of the elements of claims 28, 31-34, 39-43 and 45, or that these claims are obvious in view of Yaacobi, Applicant by present amendment has canceled claim 28, and claims 31-34, 39-43, and 45 have been amended to depend upon claim 29. As noted above, claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form, and now is allowable. As claim 29 is now allowable, all dependent claims are allowable as well. The rejection has been traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the objection to claims 29 and 44, and the rejections of claims 28, 31-34, 39-43 and 45 have been traversed, and reconsideration and an early allowance is respectfully requested. It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a), and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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